

ELECTION
AT HARDWICKC. C. Stewart President of
Granite Association

BANQUET AND BUSINESS

There Are 31 Firms Doing Business
There, and Nearly All Were Represented at the Annual Meeting.

Hardwick, Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the Granite Manufacturers' association of Hardwick was held at Hardwick inn Wednesday evening and was attended by nearly all of the members. Reports by the several officers were made, and these indicate that the association is in a healthy condition. There are at present 31 firms in the association, these doing business in Hardwick and Woodbury.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: C. C. Stewart, president; J. W. Mack, vice-president; E. R. Fletcher, secretary; John R. Stewart, treasurer; Ashley Smith and W. H. Martin, auditors; the president, W. R. Donald and G. H. Bickford, executive committee.

After the business of the meeting, an exceptionally well prepared banquet of six courses was served by Landford Daniels. Later, George H. Bailey, a member of the association and proprietor of the Idle Hour, entertained the company at the theatre with a fine program of pictures, music being furnished by the Pythian club orchestra.

TRY TO KILL MAN;
THEN APOLOGIZETwo Attack Ludlow Striker and Silt His
Coat by Knife Stab; Find He is
Wrong Man, Say so and
Disappear.

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 10.—William Sedolov, one of the mill strikers, was attacked by two men last night while passing a patch of woods. The men jumped out, and one of them struck at him with a knife, cutting a slit in the back of his overcoat.

Sedolov struggled with the men until one of them recognized him and exclaimed: "Is that you Sedolov? We thought you were Sam La Plant."

The men apologized for cutting his coat, and disappeared in the woods. La Plant, for whom Sedolov was mistaken, is an overlander in the mills.

Sedolov did not recognize his assailants, but says they do not speak the Polish language.

Secretary Supply of the state arbitration board was in conference last night with Richard P. Barry of the state board, the strike leaders and Agent Stevens of the Ludlow Associates. At the close he said:

"Everything points to an early settlement either by mutual agreement or by arbitration."

The matter now awaits the action of the directors of the mill.

DAIRIES FOUND DEFECTIVE.

Massachusetts State Board of Health Reports on Inquiries.

Boston, Dec. 10.—The Massachusetts state board of health, reporting yesterday on its examination of Vermont and New Hampshire dairies which furnish milk for sale in this state, says only half of them are satisfactory.

In New Hampshire the board inspectors examined 124 dairies in Andover, Bennington, Chester, Deering, Dorris, Franconia, Greenfield, Hancock, Hillsboro, Hudson, Jaffrey, Londonderry, Pelham, Peterborough and Windham. Of these only 63, or 50.81 per cent, were found to be free from objectionable features, while the other 61 dairies were sent requiring improvements if they desired to continue sale of milk for consumption in Massachusetts.

In Vermont 50 dairies were examined in Barre, Barton, Burke, Coventry, Lyndonville, Putney, St. Johnsbury, Sutton and Westminster. Of these 30, or 60 per cent, were found to have objectionable features and letters were sent to them.

VETERAN ENDS LIFE.

Batchelder Hanged Self in Barn in Reading.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 10.—Ira Batchelder, a Civil war veteran, aged 72 years, committed suicide last night by hanging himself in the barn at his home on West street. His body was discovered early yesterday afternoon by his son-in-law, Horace E. Keizer. Mr. Batchelder had been dependent for a year and had made three previous attempts to end his life.

He was a member of Veteran post, G. A. R., of Reading, and was also a member of the Sons of Veterans. He leaves a wife and two daughters. Medical Examiner R. D. Perley of Melrose, who viewed the body, said that he had been dead several hours.

RELATIONS UNCHANGED.

Battle Approaching, and Its Outcome Is Awaited with Interest.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—It is unlikely that President Zelaya's late attempt to avoid the present desperate situation by resigning in favor of Jose Madriz, Nicaraguan representative at the peace court in Cariboo, will affect the relations of the United States with Nicaragua. Madriz is known only as Zelaya's henchman. It is believed it would not prove agreeable to Secretary Knox. In the meantime, the state department, prepared for emergency, awaits the result of the approaching battle between the government and the revolutionists.

SENT TO PRISON FOR
REMAINDER OF LIFE

Bennington Murderer Pleaded Guilty in the Second Degree And Was at Once Sentenced to State Prison.

Bennington, Dec. 10.—Michele Philippo, indicted for murder in the first degree, retracted his plea of not guilty in county court yesterday morning, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced by Judge Fred M. Butler to life imprisonment at WindSOR.

Philippo's counsel have realized since they were assigned to the case at the June term of court that the best they could hope for their client was to save him from the death penalty and an overture was accordingly made to the prosecution for a retraction of the original plea and to plead guilty in the second degree.

Philippo came into the court room with Sheriff Fred Godfrey and walked to the customary seat inside the railing. He wore a soft white shirt without necktie and was without coat or vest. A pair of black suspenders gave an odd appearance to his wearing apparel. During the preliminary discussion he sat dejectedly with his head resting on the back of his chair and apparently observed but little that was going on about him.

Anthony Bolito, the Italian interpreter from New York was sworn and the indictment for murder in the first degree was read sentence by sentence by Clerk J. J. Shakhobor and interpreted to Philippo. At the conclusion of the reading the indicted man withdrew his plea of not guilty to the lesser offense.

State's Attorney W. J. Meagher moved for an immediate sentence and as the condemned man stated that he had nothing to say why sentence should not be passed at this time Judge Butler completed the case. In pronouncing sentence Judge Butler told the respondent that he was guilty of the highest crime recorded in the statute and that the punishment was fixed by law. He then sentenced Philippo to the state prison at Windsor for the remainder of his natural life.

The disposition of the case hinged largely upon the report of Dr. Wasson of the state asylum at Waterbury who arrived here Wednesday evening. Philippo was committed to the asylum last June for observation as to his sanity and has been at that institution until brought here this week for trial. Dr. Wasson stated to the attorneys that while in his opinion Philippo was not insane, at the same time he considered the Italian to be a man of unusually low mentality. He can neither read or write his own language and is generally lacking in intelligence. Taking the opinion of Dr. Wasson into consideration it was the belief of the prosecution that to accept a plea of guilty in the second degree would be the best disposition of the case.

HOUSE BADLY DAMAGED.

Fire in Winoski Last Evening. People Were Away from Home.

Winoski, Dec. 10.—Fire last evening completely gutted the house of Mr. and Mrs. George Frachette on LeClair street and caused a loss of several hundred dollars. The fire was discovered about 8:30, the time for ringing the curfew, by a passerby and an alarm turned in from 23 corner of LeClair and Spring streets. The companies responded, but owing to many people mistaking the alarm for the curfew, a second alarm was rung in. Owing to the dense smoke the firemen experienced great difficulty in locating the blaze. The entire house was soon flooded with water and after an hour's fight the real was soundly extinguished. The house was located under a stairway and was probably caused by defective wiring. There was no fire in the kitchen stove and the fire in the heater had been banked since early morning, when Mr. and Mrs. Frachette left on the morning train for St. Albans for a few days' visit. The furniture of Frank C. Spafford, who resides in Massachusetts, was stored in the upper part of the house and this was completely water soaked. The building was owned by Mrs. C. F. Spafford and is insured in the agency of T. S. Peck and Powell through E. H. Horton. Mr. Frachette suffered a similar loss by fire while residing on Winoski Heights about two years ago.

BIG FINES IMPOSED.

One for Selling Un-analyzed Liquor and Another for Illegal Sale.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—The Burlington Drug company, against whom an information had been filed in Chittenden county court by State's Attorney Shaw, charging them with selling various liquors to James A. Merrill without first submitting samples to be analyzed, was yesterday fined \$200 upon an agreed statement of facts.

A fine of \$300 was imposed upon James A. Merrill, Mr. Merrill is found guilty by a jury of violating his fourth class liquor license by selling a barrel of ale to the Elk's club in Montpelier, the club in question being non-licensing and Montpelier being a non-licensing town. Exceptions will be taken, however, and the case will be taken to the supreme court.

UTMOST FAITH IN COOK.

Belief that Affidavits are Result of Conspiracy to Injure Him.

Copenhagen, Dec. 10.—Professor Ellis Stenstrom, of the chair of astronomy in the university, who will preside over the committee investigating the data of Dr. Frederick Cook, came out unequivocally to-day in expressing the acceptance of the affidavits of Captain Loose and George H. Dinkie, who accuse the Doctor of faking the records. The professor intimated that the charges fall by their own weight. The belief is general here that a widespread conspiracy exists to discredit Cook's achievements. To-day's Politician says that an unnamed Greenland, known to be Knud Rasmussen, has received a number of letters from the Peary Arctic club, urging him to denounce the explorer.

DENOUNCED TAFT AND KNOX.

Central Americans in Mexico City Adopted Resolutions.

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—Fifty members of the various colonies of the Central American republics here met last night at a private residence and at a late hour adopted resolutions denouncing President Taft, Secretary Knox and the action of the United States towards Nicaragua.

HURT, PERHAPS
FATALLYJohn T. Whitman Thrown
Against Curb at Middlebury

LOAD OF HAY TIPPED OVER

It Is Feared That the Man Was Injured
Internally So Badly That He Will
Die—He Was Rendered Unconscious by Fall.

Middlebury, December 10.—John T. Whitman, who drives one of the Weybridge government farm teams, met with a serious accident while hauling a load of hay to this town yesterday.

As the heavy load was descending Monument hill, which is covered with ice, the wagon slewed, bringing up against the curb and tipping the load over. Mr. Whitman was hurled violently to the ground, his head striking the curbstone and rendering him unconscious. He was taken to the shoe-shop of Toussaint Kidder, where first aid was rendered. It is feared that internal injuries, which will result in death, were inflicted.

Fred Hammond, manager of the government farm, happened to be nearby when the accident occurred, and he prevented a runaway and further damage by quieting the horses.

TO FIGHT IN SALT LAKE CITY.

Rickard Says There Is Nothing Crooked About Jeffries-Johnson Bout.

Boston, Dec. 10.—"The Jeffries-Johnson bout will be held in Salt Lake City, and it will be no fake," was Tex Rickard's positive declaration to the local sports yesterday.

"I am sick of all this fake talk," said Rickard, "and I will give anyone \$5,000 if they will show me anything crooked in the arrangements."

"I know the day before the boys were opened that Johnson would stand by me and that Jeffries would be with Jack Gleason, so we got together and talked the matter over and came to an understanding. Coffey told Gleason to go ahead and come in with me."

"That left Coffey out of the whole affair, and I want the public to know he has nothing to do with it."

The understanding between Gleason and I is that if the bout should be held in California, he was to get the permit, and if it takes place in Salt Lake, where I am satisfied it will, or in St. Nevada, I was to look after the permit."

"I will not have to fix any official in Salt Lake in order to pull the bout off there. The bankers, brokers and business men of the city want me to hold it there and have given me all the assurance necessary that it will not be interfered with. The Salt Palace, where the bout will be held, will, with some alterations, hold about 30,000 people."

NOT A KIDNAPPER.

John F. Kimball Acquitted at Concord, N. H.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 10.—In police court here yesterday John F. Kimball of Keeney, N. H., was acquitted of the charge of kidnapping his 16-year-old daughter from the home of Mrs. Alice R. Knight of South Boston.

Sixteen years ago Kimball left his wife, who later obtained a divorce. Mrs. Kimball gave the infant child into the keeping of Mrs. Knight, the mother of the child going to Norton, Mass., where she still resides.

Miss Kimball testified that she left the home of Mrs. Knight in company with her father willingly, and that she either wanted to go with him or to her own mother, although she had no complaint to make of the treatment of Mrs. Knight.

The latter claimed to hold adoption papers, the legality of which were questioned. The case was dismissed and an agreement reached whereby the young woman will be under the care of both her father and Mrs. Knight.

TO MANAGE DOVES.

Fred Lake Signs Contract to Take Care of Boston Nationals.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Fred Lake of Somerville, manager of the Boston American league baseball team during the 1909 and part of 1908 seasons, yesterday signed a contract to manage the Boston National league for next season.

Mr. Lake will take the place of Harry Smith of Massillon, O., who had charge of the National team the latter part of the past season.

Mr. Lake will assume his new duties at once, and will attend the major league meetings in New York next week.

STRIVING TO DISCREDIT EXPLORER

Cook's Friend Calls Statement by Dinkie and Loose Part of Conspiracy.

New York, Dec. 10.—Dillon Wallace, the Labrador explorer, who planned a relief expedition this summer for Cook, had failed to return, declared to-day in a 3,500 word statement that the words of George W. Dinkie, who, with Captain Loose, said he had faked records for Cook, are a part of a conspiracy to discredit the explorer. Wallace firmly insists that Cook reached the pole.

HENRY L. KENYON DEAD.

He Had Been a Prominent Citizen in Northfield.

Northfield, Dec. 10.—A telegram was received here late yesterday, conveying the news of the death of Henry L. Kenyon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. D. Allen, St. Louis. Mr. Kenyon had been in ill health for the past year, suffering from a weak heart, which was the probable cause of his death.

Henry L. Kenyon was born in Bennington May 23, 1839, and came to Northfield at the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company F, V. N. G., May 2, 1861, and re-enlisted in Company E, 14th Vermont, August 28, 1862; re-enlisted September 3, 1864 in Company E, Fifth Vermont; discharged June 10, 1865.

He married, in 1864, Miss May R. Hill. They had two children, Sadie E., who died in 1896, and Helen M., wife of W. D. Allen, formerly of St. Albans, now of St. Louis. He was engaged in the mercantile business from 1866 to 1885, served as postmaster for five years under Cleveland's administration and was Northfield's representative in the legislature in 1890. He was elected town clerk in 1892, which office he held continuously for 18 years, resigning the office to make his home with his daughter in St. Louis last year. He was a member of DeWitt Clinton lodge, P. and A. M., and for thirty-two years the secretary. He was also past commander of William H. Boynton post, G. A. R.

The remains will be brought here Sunday and the funeral will take place at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Yarrington on Central street at 3 o'clock.

CHILD BADLY BURNED.

Blaze in a Burlington Residence Caused Excitement.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—In answer to an alarm, sent in from box 35, the fire department arrived just in time yesterday morning to prevent the total destruction of the building, located on the corner of Cherry and Battery streets, owned by James Tracy and partly occupied by Alfred A. Perrott. As it was, one room in the second floor was destroyed and a child badly burned.

The origin of the fire is not known, but, before it was discovered, it had burned through the kitchen on the second floor, which is occupied by several Italian families. The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Queri was heard crying at the top of his voice, and the mother, rushing into the room, found her child enveloped in flames. She quickly grasped him and extinguished the fire in his clothing. While some ran for the fire alarm box, others summoned a physician, who attended to the sounds of the child. It was found that he was badly burned about the arms, but that his injuries were not serious, and only a few bad scars will result from the adventure.

The firemen prevented the spreading of the fire to other parts of the house, so that the pecuniary loss is confined to the kitchen.

WOMAN OUT ON BAIL.

Was Charged With Shooting Dan Baker in Eden Last Summer.

Hyde Park, Dec. 10.—On recommendation of the state attorney, Mrs. Emma Shattuck who was charged with shooting Dan Baker of Eden, last summer, was admonished in Lamotte county as to her duty to her children and released on bond. Mrs. Shattuck has been in the asylum at Waterbury, and the authorities there, after observing her, declared that she is sane.

In the case of C. H. Cristy, an action brought by a son against his father's estate, the court being informed that the appellant was refusing to obey its mandates in another case, announced that the case would not be tried, and if it takes place in Salt Lake, where I am satisfied it will, or in St. Nevada, I was to look after the permit."

Three informations have been filed by the state's attorney: Wallace Tracy of Waterbury, allowing dogs to chase deer; Walter Locke of Waterbury, forgery charged with signing his father's name to a milk check and getting the money on the same; M. J. Whitney of Johnson, charged with making and passing counterfeit checks to about \$100 and procuring the money on the same.

QUARTER MILLION DEAL.

Vermont Marble Company Buys Brandon Italian Marble Co.

Middlebury, Dec. 10.—Wilbert W. Wood, manager of the Brandon Italian Marble Co., received notice yesterday that plant, quarries and other property of the company situated in this place and Brandon had been sold to the Vermont Marble Co., of Proctor, at a meeting in Boston Wednesday afternoon.

This transfer is said to have represented between \$250,000 and \$300,000. The property will change hands at once.

The Brandon Italian Marble Co. began business here eleven years ago with a capital of \$200,000. It owned two quarries and about 100 acres of land in Brandon, a quarry in Pawlet, and a finishing shop in this place, where 125 men are employed. The mill here is operated by a water power, the water right being given to the company when it began business. It is the chief manufacturing industry in this village, and business men and others interested are very anxious that it continue to be operated.

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BAPTIST SOCIETIES HELD ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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ENGINEER
KILLED TO-DAYJames Johnson Lost His Life
at Newport

WAS OILING HIS MACHINE

Struck by Switching Engine—He Was, with Single Exception, the Oldest Employee on the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Newport, Dec. 10.—While oiling his engine early this morning in preparation for making the run on the Canadian Pacific railroad to Montreal, James Johnson, one of the oldest employees of the railroad, was struck by a shifting engine and was almost instantly killed. The body was taken to local undertaking rooms and will be sent to Montreal this evening. He leaves his wife and one daughter in Montreal.

Mr. Johnson was employed by the old Southeastern railroad when it was taken over by the Canadian Pacific railroad, and, in point of service, was the junior of only one man on the railroad. He had been employed for over forty years and would have been retired within a short time. He was nearly sixty years of age.

CONTESTING A DIVORCE.

Colchester Man and Wife in Chittenden County Court.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—The divorce petition of Anna Myers vs. Charles Myers of Colchester, was heard yesterday in Chittenden county court. There is also a cross bill brought by the husband on the grounds of intolerable severity. The wife brings her petition on the grounds of refusal to support.

Louis Monaghan of Winoski, in testifying yesterday, stated that when he was clerking in his father's store in Winoski Mrs. Myers purchased large quantities of essence of peppermint. One day she bought so much that the entire stock amounted to over \$120. He testified that the daughter purchased peppermint for her mother, saying that her mother was ill. When asked if he had seen Mrs. Myers drunk he answered that he had seen Myers when he had a few drinks. He admitted that Myers had been "genuinely" jagged.

Mr. Myers testified that his wife had been drunk many times and that he had remonstrated with her, but to no avail. He moved from Winoski to Mallette Bay so that his wife would have difficulty in obtaining liquor. He testified that at that time people had told him she walked to Winoski to obtain liquor. He testified that she began to drink when they lived in Massachusetts, and that she drank liquor most of the time since then.

CYR KILLED BY HUNTER.

Man Thought Murdered Mistaken for Deer is Jury's Verdict.

Patterson, Mass., Dec. 10.—An inquest jury returned a verdict that Alphonse Cyr came to his death by a bullet fired from a rifle "in the hands of some person to the jurors unknown," all the evidence tending to show that he was a fawn and shot for a deer by some hunter.

Cyr, a young lumberman, was recently found dead in the woods. It was at first suggested that the man might have been murdered.

TAFT MAKES NOMINATIONS.

Of Consul to Mexico, Commissioner of Immigration and Postmasters.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The president to-day sent to the Senate the nominations of William E. Alger of Massachusetts to be consul at Mazatlan, Mexico; George R. Billings to be commissioner of immigration at Boston; and for postmasters in Maine, Fred W. Doane of South Berwick and E. F. Metcalf at Danversville; in Massachusetts, Charles W. Abbott at Reading and Charles F. Bryant at Sharon.

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A MASTER OF THE BANJO.

Farland Gave One of the Best Concerts Ever Heard in Barre.

The Farland recital, given at the Universalist church last evening under the auspices of the Ladies' union, was without question one of the most pleasing concerts ever held in Barre. An appreciative audience of 250 people was in attendance, and the almost breathless silence which prevailed while Mr. Farland was playing, as well as when the rest of the program was being rendered, and the enthusiastic bursts of applause which followed each selection, bespoke the pleasure of the audience.

At the close of Mr. Farland's last selection of the twelve he played, including two encores, the people were still unwilling to have him stop. No one wondered that the artist stands alone as the world's greatest banjoist, with his wonderful mastery of the instrument, and personal temperament to bring out the full beauty of the music in his selections that instantly touched the heart of his hearers.

The part taken in the recital by local talent added no small part to the success of the concert, and they received a full share of appreciation from the audience. The mandolin club played selections at the opening and closing of the program and the Hedding male chorus, directed by W. H. Goodfellow, sang beautifully two numbers on the program and were encored each time. The chorus last evening contained 17 men, whose voices blended splendidly, and the chorus was well balanced and appeared to be perfectly under the control of the director. The organization is a great addition to the musical talent of the city and will always be heard with pleasure wherever it appears. Dr. F. M. Lynde played the company with his reading of "The Apparition of Granter Hill," and he was obliged to respond to an encore.

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A FATHERLESS PROPOSITION.

Northfield Cutters and Barre Manufacturers Draw Up One, Which Neither Side Will Recommend.

The committees representing Northfield branch, G. C. I. A., and the Barre manufacturers' association, who met in Barre yesterday in an endeavor to reach an agreement on some proposition of a settlement of the differences between the granite industry in that town, parted after a conference lasting over six hours, without having made much headway. The best they could do in that time was to draw up a proposition, which both are to report to their respective bodies, but which neither side is to recommend. This proposition both committees decline to give out before action is taken on it.

A meeting of Northfield branch to consider the proposition will be held to-morrow.

The manufacturers' association will have a meeting to-morrow afternoon.

Notice.

Members of Barre branch, G. C. I. A., will receive lookout pay to-morrow, Saturday, from 12 to 4 p. m. English-speaking members will be paid in the offices at Scampliff block and Italian members at Socialist hall. James McAdam, treasurer local committee.

BARRE TEAM LOST.

Dropped Three Strings to Queen City Bowlers Last Night.

Burlington, Dec. 10.—The Calumet bowling team of Barre played three games with a local team, formerly known as the Queen City team, at the Academy alleys last evening, and lost the whole three games. Maternity, who proved to be the champion bowler of the state last season, was high man in singles and totals. His highest single score was 249, and his total was 683. Nute of Barre came second in the list of singles, scoring 215. Walsh of Barre and Kennedy of Burlington each scored 214 in singles.

The score follows:

Smith	188	180	167	475
Nute	167	215	297	589
Buzzell	112	156	167	435
Averill	176	172	180	528
Walsh	211	214	191	616

Totals	824	907	912	2643
Nite	162	183	144	522
Whitney	140	183	133	456
Roland	171	179	203	553
McCarthy	191	243	249	683
Kennedy	197	180	214	591